

**MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AGENDA**

**Special Meeting
City Librarian's Office, Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library
318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754**

**MONDAY
May 21, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library is to meet the cultural, educational,
and informational needs of the residents of the City of Monterey Park
by providing free and open access to its resources and services*

Documents related to an Agenda item are available to the public inspection in the Library Administrative Secretary's Office located at 318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754 during normal business hours and on the City website at <http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

You may speak up to 5 minutes on an Agenda item. You may combine up to 2 minutes of time with another person's speaking. No person may speak for more than a total of 10 minutes. The President of the Library Board of Trustees, as confirmed by the Library Board, may change the amount of time allowed for speakers.

Per the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call the Library Administrative Secretary, (626) 307-1269 at least 24 hours before a meeting for reasonable accommodation. The library and the Friends Room are wheelchair accessible.

CALL TO ORDER President of Library Board of Trustees at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE Vice President of the Library Board of Trustees

ROLL CALL David Barron, Betty Morín, Jason Dhing, Gloria Guerrero, Andrew Yam

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to items NOT on the Agenda) While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Library Board of Trustees to take action on any item not on the agenda. The Library Board of Trustees may briefly respond to comments after Public Communications is closed. Persons may, in addition to any other matter within the Library Board of Trustees' subject-matter jurisdiction, comment on Agenda Items at this time. If you provide public comment on a specific Agenda item at this time, however, you cannot later provide comments at the time the Agenda Item is considered.

1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

2. FISCAL YEAR 2018/19 BUDGET:

Further discussion of the proposed preliminary library budget for fiscal year 2018/19

It is recommended that the Library Board of Trustees:

(1) Continue the discussion on the library's budget for fiscal year 2018/19; and

(2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

COMMISSION/BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Announcements and Agenda items for the next regular or a special meeting from Library Board members

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Friends Room.

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David Barron
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Norma Arvizu, City Librarian

May 21, 2018

Monterey Park City Council
City of Monterey Park
320 West Newmark Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Honorable Mayor Lam and Members of the City Council,

The Measure C Library Tax was scheduled to sunset on April 30, 2018. Once this special Library parcel tax expired, the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library lost a net amount of approximately \$150,000 annually, after \$382,000 library debt payment was deducted from the estimated tax revenue of \$532,000 (based on the 2017-2018 adopted City budget).

In 2016, the Citizens for a Better Library Campaign Committee was formed with the intent of putting forth a new library parcel tax measure, known as Measure LL, to replace Measure C. As part of the statement found in the election ballot, residents were made aware of the implications that would follow if we were to lose this valuable source of funding. Although 60.44% of the votes were in favor of Measure LL, it did not receive the required two-thirds vote to pass. As a result of this defeat, the Library will lose the source of funding that had been used primarily to support library operations so that the Library could be opened seven days a week.

As members of the Library Board of Trustees, the reality that we are now faced with is, absent any new source of funding, we will no longer be able to maintain the status quo. We, as a Board, along with City Librarian Norma Arvizu and her staff, have already attempted to look at every possible alternative to preserve the current level of services. But as it stands now, we have no choice but to accept the decision of the voters. As a result, the proposed budget reflects the conclusion we have reached and have advised the City Librarian to present our recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

Sincerely,

Library Board of Trustees

David Barron
President

Betty Morín
Vice President

Jason Dhing
Trustee

Gloria Guerrero
Trustee

Andrew Yam
Trustee